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EP 0 700 832 A1 Device for Forming Groups of Bags

Abstract: The device comprises a transporter band with transverse walls (5) forming compartments, each consisting of a plate (1), which is elastic in the

direction of movement of the conveyor. The relative distance between neighboring walls corresponds at least approx. to the desired thickness of the bags. The transporter may have a link chain, e.g. roller chain. Holders can be fastened to the links, and the band-sided ends of the transverse walls can be fastened to the holders. In the area, in which the bags (7) are inserted into the compartments, the transporter may move between two neighboring conveyor belts (20). In this section, the walls may extend approx. in direction of travel of the conveyor.

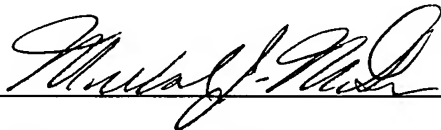
JP2028468 Superposing Method and Device

PURPOSE: To improve productivity by quickly lowering preceding accumulated products on a platform by one finger when the other finger of two endless chain conveyors accumulates products in a vertical passage of the products discharged from a wheel. CONSTITUTION: Two endless chain conveyors 20, 21 are separately rotated in a 180 deg. different phase. Products 11 continuously carried by a wheel 13 are discharged by a removing means 14 to be supplied to a vertical lower third passage. At this time, a finger 16 of the conveyor 20 is inserted into the third passage by chain driving, so that the products are stacked on the finger 16 by decelerating operation. In this case, former products stacked on a finger 17 of the conveyor 21 are lowered and transferred up to a position of a lower platform 26 by accelerating operation of the conveyor 21 to thus improve productivity of stacking a fixed quantity of products by alternately repeating decelerating/accelerating operation in the conveyors 20, 21.

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